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District of Columbia Man Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison for Armed Robbery and Weapons Offenses

WASHINGTON - Tywon Hager, 24, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today by Superior Court Judge Gregory Jackson to 30 years in prison on three counts of Armed Robbery, one count of Assault with Intent to Rob, and additional weapons related offenses, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips. On August 11, 2009, a D.C. Superior Court jury returned guilty verdicts on these charges against Hager in connection with his armed robbery of four district residents last year.

According to evidence presented at trial, at approximately 1:30 a.m. on July 1, 2008, Hager and another man, Devon Davis, robbed three young men and one woman as they were getting out of a car in the 1000 block of 7th Street, NE. Both men held guns to the heads of the victims while taking items from them, including their wallets, cell phones and keys. After the robbery, the men fled the area. Metropolitan Police Department detectives immediately responded to the scene and, using a GPS locator program in both of the stolen cell phones, were able to track the location of the defendants to the 200 block of W Street, NW. Officers arrived in that area, saw the defendants, who matched the description of the robbers, and eventually apprehended the defendants inside of an apartment belonging to Davis's mother.

Found in the possession of the men were clothing items matching the robbers' description, as well as a cell phone belonging to one of the victims. Recovered in areas where the men were previously seen were other items belonging to the victims, including one of the cell phones that was tracked and a wallet, which still contained the driver's license of one of the victims.

Davis, who was also found guilty of charges stemming from this incident, is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Jackson on October 23, 2009.

In announcing today's sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended Metropolitan Police Detectives Thomas Smith, Marcia Mbonisi and Sabrina White, who investigated the case,

and evidence technicians Holly Paige, Ramonz Height, and Nathaniel Davi, as well as Fingerprint Examiner Diane Mayzck, who gathered evidence and provided critical testimony at trial. Phillips also praised Paralegal Tameka Garcia, Intern Sarah Zubair, and Victim Advocate Jennifer Clark for their outstanding assistance in the case. Finally, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Sharad Khandewal, who investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Reagan Taylor, who prosecuted the case at trial.

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